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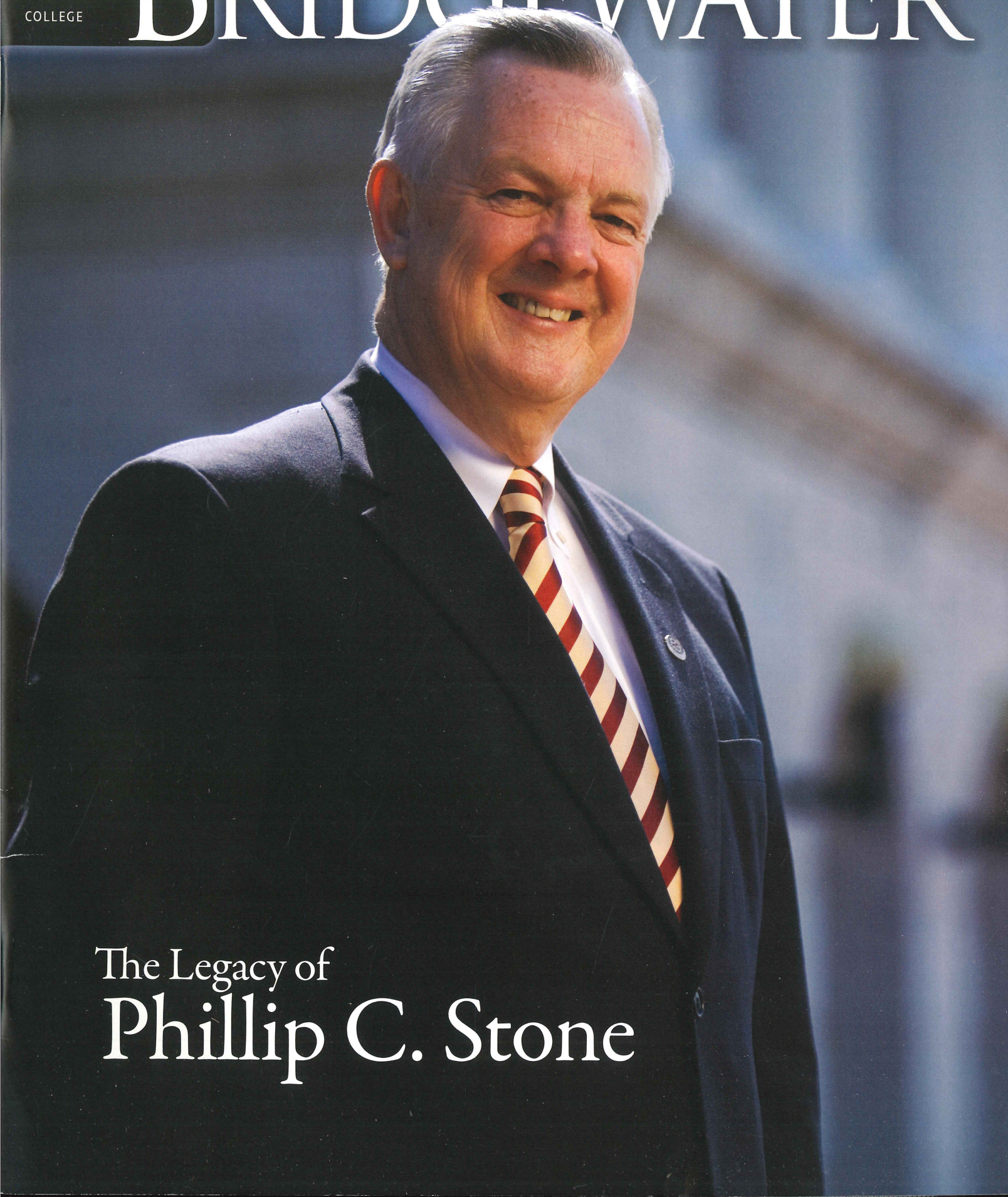
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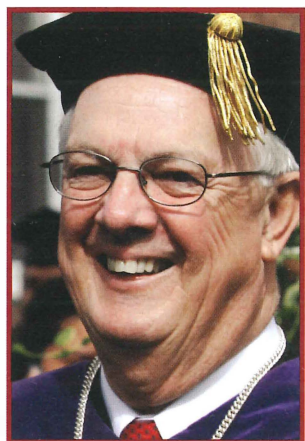
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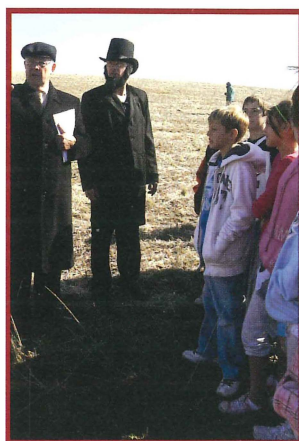
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EDITOR'S NOTE

Welcome to a very special edition of *Bridgewater*.

When President Phillip C. Stone announced on April 3 that he would step down as the College's chief executive in 2010, we immediately began to discuss ways in which we could share his great legacy with Bridgewater's alumni, friends and supporters. What better way, it was decided, than to produce an issue of the magazine that dealt exclusively with Dr. Stone's life, presidency and lasting contributions to the college he has served so diligently and faithfully – not only for the 16 years of his presidency, but ever since his arrival here as a student in 1961?

The issue before you attempts, in a small way, to do just that. I say "in a small way" because Dr. Stone's life and achievements are far broader in scope and consequence than a single magazine edition could ever capture. But we hope that the following series of photos, stories and charts convey, in some measure, just how integral Dr. Stone has been to the success and future of Bridgewater College, and just how keenly his presence and leadership have been felt by those who have worked for and with him.

Humorist Will Rogers, speaking of Henry Ford, noted that he "didn't leave us where he found us." Neither will Phil Stone leave Bridgewater College as he found it, and the undeniable wisdom of that approach can be found every day, in every nook and cranny and classroom on this beautiful campus, and beyond. Here is how, and why, he did it.

Charles Culbertson

– Charles Culbertson

The Reluctant President

by Olivia A. Shifflett

When Wayne F. Geisert announced that he would retire in 1994 after 30 years as the president of Bridgewater College, more than 80 applicants from across the United States and in Europe applied for his position. Phillip C. Stone was not one of them.

He was asked to apply by fellow members of the board of trustees, but he turned them down, saying he did not want to leave his law practice. In fact, he would later say that he “laughed at the idea.”

After conducting a nationwide search and reviewing the numerous applications, they returned to Stone, feeling so strongly that he was the

right man for the job that they directly offered him the position. Still reluctant, this time he agreed to consider it and ask his family's guidance on the offer. A few days later he accepted, stating afterward that he felt "a calling" to the presidency of BC that he could not refuse.

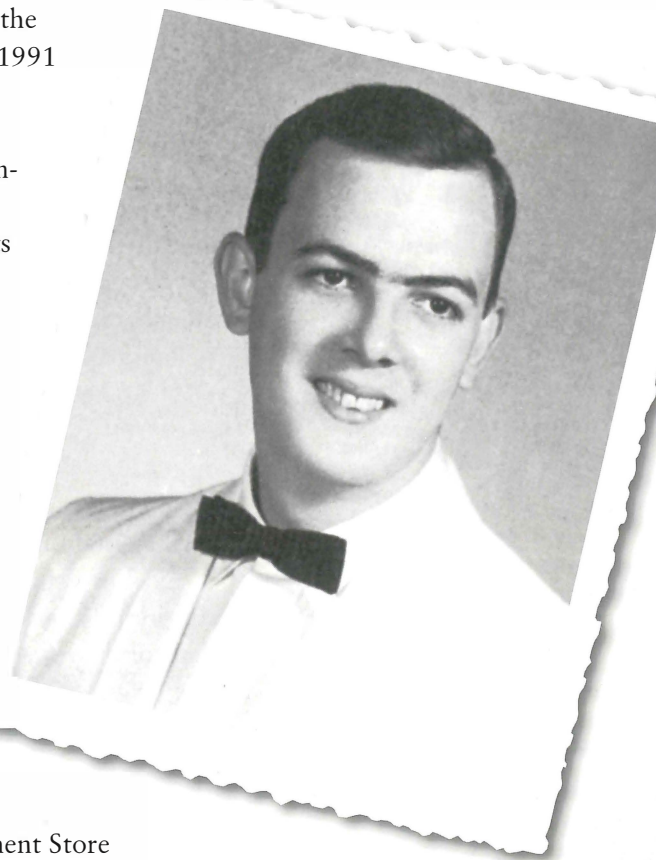
Stone was, of course, no stranger to Bridgewater. A 1965 graduate of the College, Stone had served as a trustee since 1975 and as chair of the long-range planning committee from 1987 through 1990. His wife and four children all graduated from Bridgewater College (three of whom were students when he was named president). His predecessor, Wayne Geisert, had become president in his senior year at Bridgewater, and he had maintained close ties to the College throughout the years. In 1982 he received the Distinguished Young Alumnus Award from the College and was awarded an honorary doctorate of humane letters at the 1991 commencement.

Born in Bassett, Va., Stone is the son of the late Wilbert M. and Laura Nolen Stone. One of seven children, he grew up as part of a close-knit family in a rural Henry County community. His home church throughout his childhood was the Mount Hermon Church of the Brethren. He still credits his pastor, Guy Wampler Sr., for inspiring and encouraging him and other Bassett area young people, including Wilfred Nolen, '63, Guy Wampler, Jr., '56, and Kermon Thomasson, '58, in their educational and personal achievements. They all would go on to high school in Bassett and then to Bridgewater College.

“I challenged the system at Bridgewater. I found it to be an environment where my challenges were permitted and where a mature, intellectual response was given by those around me.” – PHILLIP C. STONE

While in high school, Stone would work almost 40 hours per week in addition to his studies, putting in long hours at Nathan's Department Store and Bassett-Walker Knitting Mills. That work ethic and dedication would continue to mark his efforts throughout his life.

After his graduation from J.D. Bassett High School in 1960, Stone had the opportunity to live in Germany for a year as an exchange student through the Brethren-influenced International Christian Youth Exchange, prior to the erection of the Berlin Wall. This experience would greatly influence him, and he later credited it with opening his eyes to the breadth of Western culture. Fluent in German, Stone has continued to visit Germany frequently and has established a part-time residence there.



Class photo, Ripples, 1965



The Student

In the fall of 1961, Stone came to Bridgewater College as a freshman. Immediately immersing himself in campus life, he joined the debate club, in which he would excel for the next four years, winning a trophy as a senior for his outstanding contributions to debate. As a member of the Curtain Club (Bridgewater College's first theatrical club – a forerunner of the Pinion Players) during his freshman year, he acted in a theatrical production in the fall of 1961, *Outward Bound*. Also active in student government, he served as president of the junior class, was a member of the honor council and student senate, worked with the student committee on religious activities and served on various other campus committees. Some of his other roles included sports editor of the newspaper, *B.C. Bee*, and acting as an instructional assistant in German and economics.

Even as a student Stone took great interest in the progress and development of BC as an institution. As a sophomore he wrote an article for the *B.C. Bee* reflecting on the achievements of the recent Crusade for Excellence campaign and looking to the future. (See inset on page 7.)

As a scholar he was recognized in *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*, selected for membership in the Lambda Society, BC's scholastic honor society, and received the *Wall Street Journal* Student Achievement Award during his senior year for his achievements in the department of business and economics. His classmate and roommate for a time during his sophomore year, Ralph MacPhail Jr., who would become a professor of theater at BC, said, "We recognized that he was an achiever and excellent student. There were great things in store for him, but I didn't know just how close to home they would be."

Additionally, Stone still found time to meet the woman who would become his wife—Cherrill Kline, class of 1966. Introduced by a mutual friend, they quickly became serious and were married while they were still students, on Sept. 21, 1963.

Reflecting upon his BC experience while chair of the College's long-range planning committee in 1989, Stone wrote, "I am grateful that a place like Bridgewater College can take material like me and help me grow in new directions. I cannot fool myself. I was not eligible for Yale or Harvard. Perhaps I did not have the ability. Clearly, I did not come from the right high school or have the record of achievement to get in."



FAR LEFT: 1964 Junior Class Officers with adviser. Left to right, Stone, Ralph Hicks, Ruth Phibbs, Dr. Bernard Logan, Nathan Miller.

LEFT: Debate team, 1962-63.

RIGHT: Phil and Cherrill Stone's wedding, September 21, 1963.



BC Senior Wins Trophy For Debating

BRIDGEWATER — Phillip Carson Stone, a Bridgewater senior from Bassett, was presented a trophy in assembly Friday morning for four years of meritorious inter-collegiate debating. The presentation was made by Dr. Robert Sappington, director of debating at Bridgewater.

This year, Mr. Stone won the Individual speakers' award at the Geneva College Tournament in Beaver Falls, Pa.

Last year, he was a member of the debate team which won the southern division of the North-South Tournament held at West Virginia University. The team then defeated West Point, winner of the northern division.

This same team also won the Franklin and Marshall and the regional TKA Tournament held at Washington and Lee.

Mr. Stone also has been invited to join Tau Kappa Alpha-Delta Sigma Rho, a national honorary forensic fraternity. To be eligible for membership in the organization, a student must rank in the upper third of his class and have participated in debating for at least two years.

A graduate of Bassett High School, he is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert N. Stone of Rt. 2, Bassett. His wife is the former Miss Cherrill Kline of Linville.

Stone Joins Law Firm

Phillip C. Stone, 28, an honor graduate of Bridgewater College has joined the Harrisonburg law firm of Wharton, Aldhizer and Weaver. He will be the seventh lawyer in the firm.

Mr. Stone, a former Harrisonburg High School history teacher, also has accepted a part-time teaching position in the economics department of Eastern Mennonite College for the spring term.

He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Stone of Bassett. He received a BA degree in economics in 1965 from Bridgewater where he was president of the junior class, member of the honor council and student senate, a varsity debater and sports editor of the student newspaper. He was also an instructional assistant in German and economics.

He was a member of Lambda

Honor Society, was elected to Who's Who in American Colleges

and Universities and received the Wall Street Journal Student Achievement Award. He was an exchange student to Germany and attended the Graduate School of Economics at the University of Chicago.

Mr. Stone received the degree of Juris Doctor from the University of Virginia law school. He is a member of the American and Harrisonburg bar associations, the Virginia State Bar and Phi Delta Phi legal fraternity.

He is a former president of the Brethren Youth Fellowship of the southern district of Virginia. He is a member of the Harrisonburg Jaycees and Rockingham Union Masonic Lodge.

His wife is the former Cherrill Kline, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Homer R. Kline of Linville and an English teacher at Thomas Harrison Junior High School. They have one child.



PHILLIP C. STONE

"When I came to Bridgewater, I had to adjust personally, socially and intellectually," he continued. "I challenged the system at Bridgewater. I found it to be an environment where my challenges were permitted and where a mature, intellectual response was given by those around me."

After graduating cum laude in 1965 with a B.A. in economics, he taught at Harrisonburg High School for a year before pursuing graduate studies at the University of Chicago School of Economics. Eventually deciding that he would prefer practicing law, he attended the University of Virginia Law School and earned his J.D. in 1970.

The Lawyer

In 1970 Stone joined the Harrisonburg, Va., firm of Wharton, Aldhizer and Weaver, and would remain there for the entirety of his 24-year legal career. He became a partner in 1973 and was an integral member of the legal community and Harrisonburg-area civic life. After beginning his career as a trial lawyer, in 1985 he changed his focus from the courtroom to commercial practice — corporate law and estate planning.

As an attorney, Stone was an active member of the Harrisonburg-Rockingham, Virginia and American Bar associations, in addition to serving on numerous committees and boards of the Virginia State Bar. His

Stone Wins Business Award At BC

BRIDGEWATER — Phillip Carson Stone, a senior at Bridgewater College, won the Wall Street Journal award this year for scholarly attainment in the Department of Business and Economics.

The award, made annually to the top ranking senior in the department, is a scholarship medal and a subscription to the Wall Street Journal.

Mr. Stone, the winner this year, is a candidate for graduation with honors May 30. He will enter Chicago University in September to do graduate work in economics.

At Bridgewater, Mr. Stone has been active in student government and debating. He has been a member of the Honor Council for two years. Several days ago he received a debating trophy for outstanding intercollegiate debating.

He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert M. Stone of Rt. 2, Bassett and is a graduate of J. D. Bassett High School. His wife is the former Miss Cherrill Kline of Linville.

many accolades and recognitions include election in 1986 as a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers and of the International Society of Barristers. He was elected a fellow to the American Bar Foundation in 1989 and to the Virginia Law Foundation in 1988. In addition, he was listed in all four editions of *The Best Lawyers in America* and in *Who's Who in American Law*.

In civic life he was a member of multiple boards of directors, including the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Chamber of Commerce from 1971-1977. In 1993 he would receive the Exchange Club Book of Golden Deeds Award, and in 1987 the Outstanding Service Award from the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Historical Society.

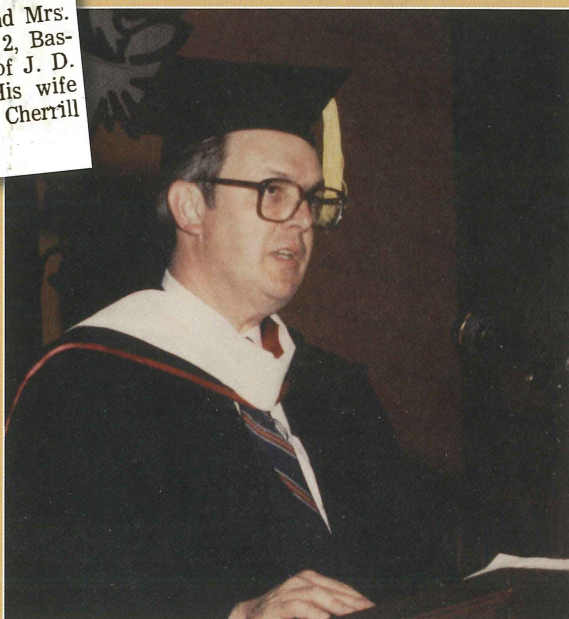
The Churchman

Dedicated in his Christian faith, Stone has been a member of the Church of the Brethren from an early age and has played some part in church leadership throughout his adult life, whether as a church lay speaker, a Sunday School teacher, a church moderator or as the chairman of a local church board. From 1982-87 he served on the general board of the Church of the Brethren, and became chairman in 1986-87.

In 1990-91, Stone was named moderator of the Church of the Brethren, the highest elected position in the church. In a familiar-sounding turn of events which would be echoed again when he was offered the Bridgewater College presidency, initially he declined the role of moderator, but when he was asked a second time accepted, saying he "felt a call."

As moderator, he led the denomination's Annual Conference in 1991 and spoke regarding the need of the church to focus again on the worship of God. In an interview for the February 1991 *Messenger*, a Church of the Brethren publication, he explained that he wanted to encourage harmony and kindness among church members. "I chose a worship theme because it's awfully hard to get up off your knees and then abuse each other." He also expressed a desire to recapture an awareness of the holy and awesome nature of God, to encounter a spiritual "burning bush."

In 1987 he was nominated for and received the award of National Churchman of the Year from the organization Religious Heritage of America. He was also selected as one of



Stone speaks during Commencement, 1987.



Cherrill and Phil Stone.

100,000 delegates to attend the 1991 Lutheran conference "Kirchentag" in a newly reunited Germany (he had attended the last conference held with both West and East Germans in 1961 as a student).

The President

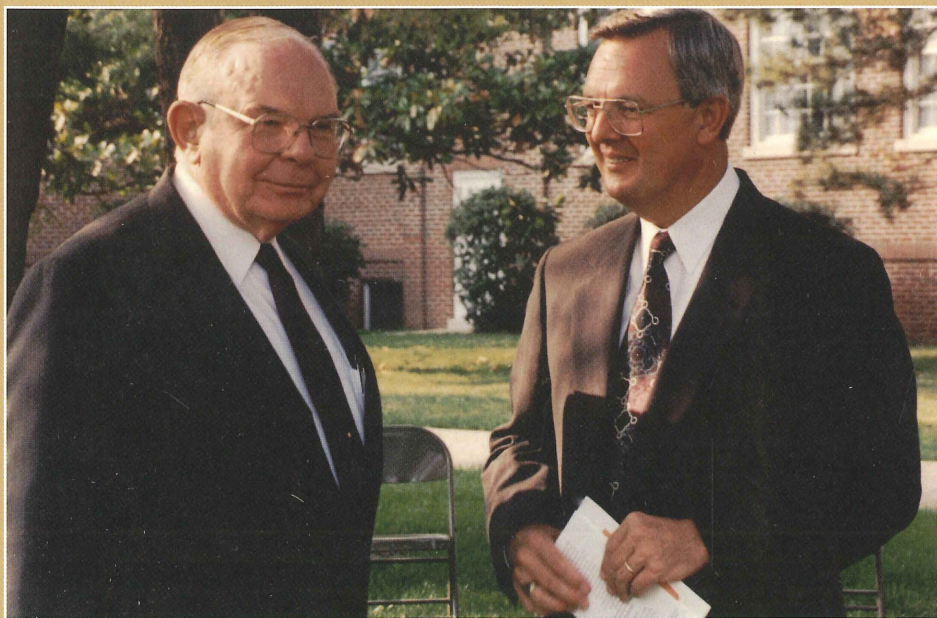
No longer reluctant, in August 1994, Stone became Bridgewater College's seventh president.

James L. Keeler, now chairman of the board of trustees and a member of the selection committee in 1994 that offered the presidency to Stone, commented:

"Looking back, it appears that almost everything he did before coming here prepared him to be our president. His authoring of our Strategic Plan as chair of the trustees' long-range planning committee instilled in him his vision for the College. He communicated this time and time again so that he and those he directed accomplished the goals contained in the plan. His leadership role in the Church of the Brethren gave him a unique understanding of the joint heritage of the College and the church. His many intellectual interests, in history and particularly with Lincoln, would serve him well in an academic community."

On Oct. 14, 1994, Stone delivered his inaugural address, committing to make the College a "community of excellence in all things, in and out of the classroom." His vision, enunciated that day and continuing during his entire presidency, was to ensure the College continued to be a place that educated not just for a career, but for life.

Olivia A. Shifflett is assistant to the vice president for college relations at Bridgewater College.



Dr. Wayne F. Geisert (left) and Phillip C. Stone; President's Recognition Dinner, June 1994.

Already thinking PDP and development...

BC Bee — Jan. 18, 1963

STUDENT VIEWS EXCELLENCE CRUSADE

The Bridgewater College Crusade for Excellence has surpassed its goal of \$750,000, and with five months remaining, Dr. Paul H. Bowman, Crusade chairman, forecasts that over \$800,000 will be collected. The Crusade for Excellence has already been an outstanding success.

There has been a Crusade in effect on Bridgewater campus for the past several years. Steps have been taken to raise the academic standing of the College by several methods. Measures have been taken to improve the faculty through new additions. Requirements for admission have been raised. Graduate programs are being encouraged, and graduate school preparation has been improved.

The athletic program of BC has been stimulated with a new gymnasium, additions to the coaching staff, and stronger financial backing. Great hopes are held for the teams, now being built to distinguish their College in the sports realm.

The Crusades for Excellence in all areas of student life are being led by the administration, Trustees and faculty. Surely there is a greater role for the students to play. We are concerned with our social life and our academic success, but surely we can go further than we have thus far. There are possibilities on Bridgewater's campus which must be taken advantage of to improve the college. We should look at the Honor System and its effectiveness; dormitory government might be considered; our scope ought to be widened on a world-wide level; our interest and appreciation of the arts should be stimulated; and we must more fully live up to our roles as citizens, athletes, students and human beings.

- Phil Stone

COLLEGE OF CHARACTER COMMUNITY OF EXCELLENCE

The Stone Years

by Charles Culbertson

From the opening moments of his inauguration, Phil Stone had everyone's attention. The topic was Larry.

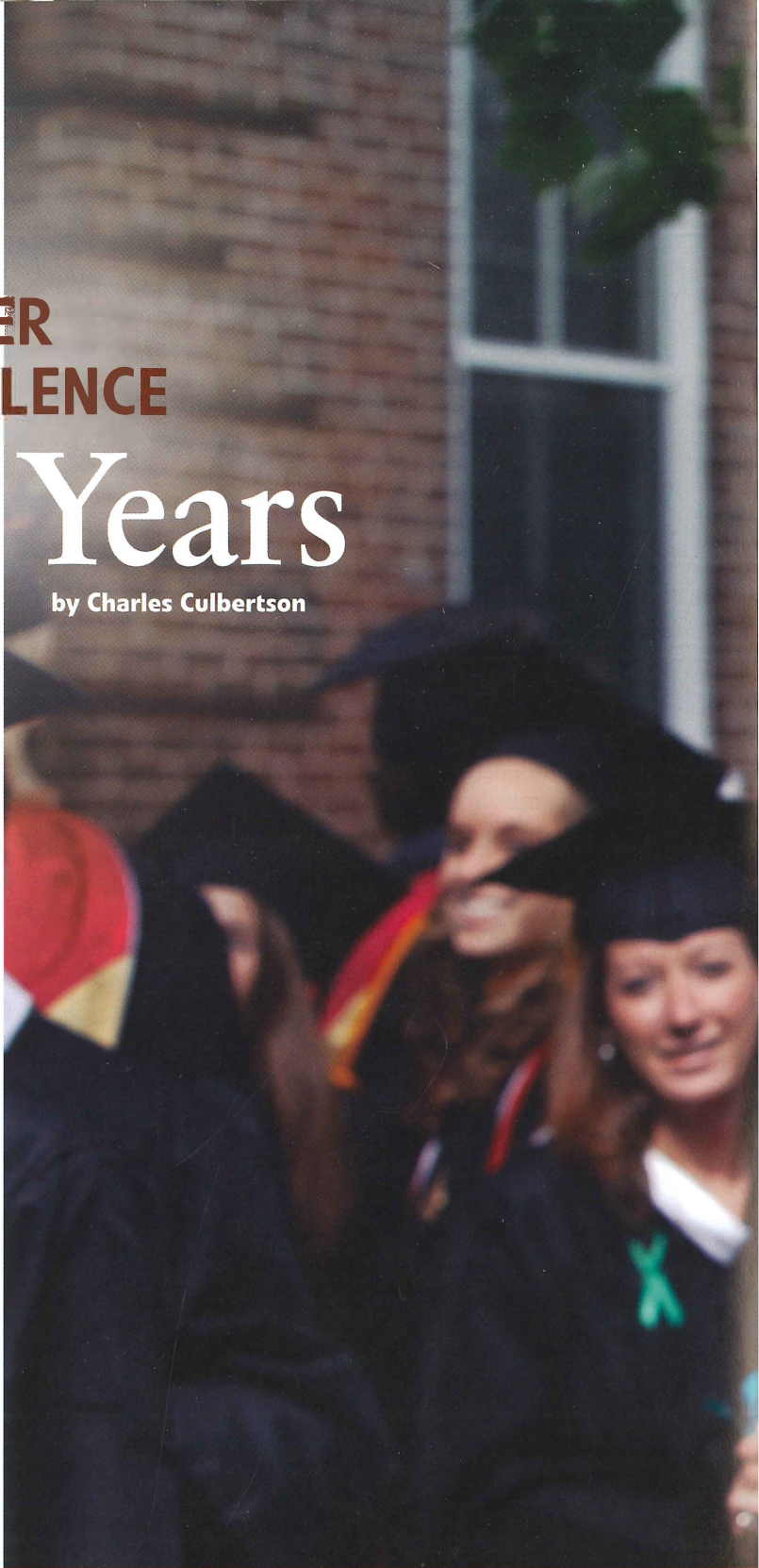
"Larry was a big kid, a tough kid," Stone began in his Oct. 14, 1994, Bridgewater College inaugural address. "He had a reputation for fighting. On the first day of school in his junior year in high school, he got into a fight and was suspended for a week. When he returned to school, I understood from talking to other teachers that he would not succeed."

Stone, speaking to some 1,000 people on the campus mall, went on to relate how – as a young history teacher between graduate school and law school – he had personally challenged Larry to learn, grow and succeed. Against the odds, said Stone, the high-school tough guy rose to the challenge and clawed his way out of the academic basement onto Stone's list of A students.

"Larry's feeling of success as a student was one of the great pleasures of my life," he told the gathering. "Almost 30 years later, it remains a vivid memory. Larry not only completed my course with a good grade, he graduated from high school and even attended college. Prior to his death in a car accident at the young age of 20, he had experienced one of life's thrills – success as a student."

That thrill, Stone said, was "liberating and empowering."

He was speaking, of course, about Larry, but the experience lifted Stone, as well, and helped him craft an educational philosophy that would serve him faithfully in his term as the seventh president of Bridgewater College. A key tenet of



“When Phil became our president, the trustees had great expectations for his leadership and for the College, but we could not have appreciated at that time just how fortunate we would be.”

— JAMES L. KEELER, '57, CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF TRUSTEES





ABOVE: Campus mall, pre-1980s.
LEFT: Current appearance.

that philosophy – “To be educated for life, learning must be a life-long process” – remains close to Stone’s heart and still forms one of the underpinnings of the Bridgewater-student educational experience.

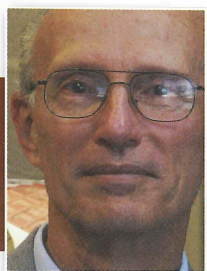
“Educated for life includes preparation for a vocation, but it must be more than that,” said Stone. “It must also enable a person to experience life more fully, to appreciate the richness of life, through personal and corporate relationships, through religious faith, through the arts...It must lead to wisdom.”

Educating for life and educating the whole student. They were the warning shots Stone fired across the Bridgewater College bow. New, dynamic things were going to happen at the 882-student college, and they were going to happen quickly.

PDP

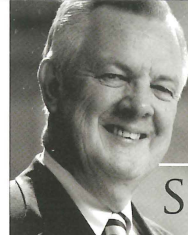
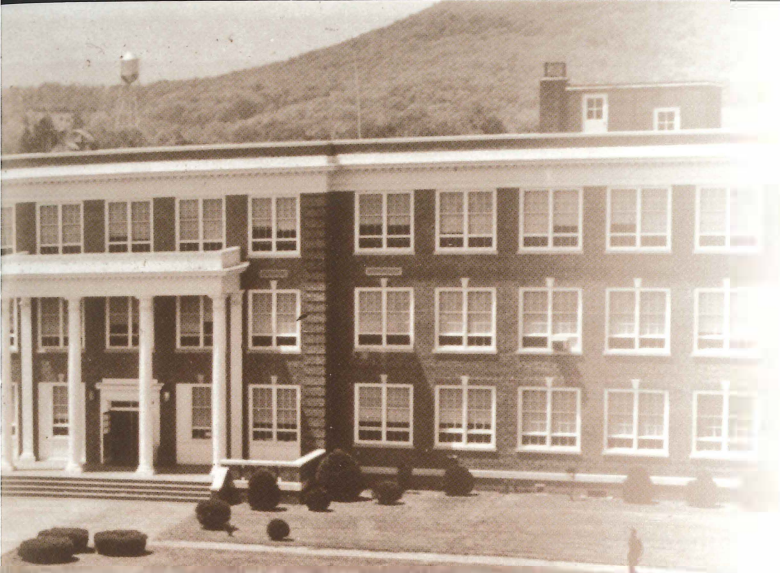
Shortly after assuming the presidency on Aug. 1, 1994, Stone approached his faculty and staff with an idea that would revolutionize the way education was perceived and delivered at Bridgewater. This idea was for a new program that would employ a more holistic approach toward preparing graduates for productive lives. Called the Personal Development Portfolio program, or, simply, PDP, the idea sprang from Stone’s first question as he assumed the presidency: “What does it mean to be educated?”

Working with faculty and staff, Stone concluded that being educated encompasses much more than the nuts-and-bolts information on a transcript of academic grades. A truly educated person, it was decided – in addition to being academically well grounded – also appreciates art and music,



“In many ways, I think the PDP of Bridgewater best articulates the goals of a genuine liberal arts education.”

– W. STEVE WATSON, THE LAWRENCE S. AND CARMEN C. MILLER CHAIR OF ETHICS



TIMELINE of STONE PRESIDENCY

is interested in other cultures, knows how to interact socially, is a good citizen, assumes leadership roles, adheres to a code of personal ethics and maintains a healthy lifestyle. By individualizing the education of each student – the concept being that each student builds his or her own curriculum – students would take “ownership” of the process rather than relying entirely on an adviser or department to make those choices.

Stone asked W. Steve Watson, the Lawrence S. and Carmen C. Miller Chair of Ethics, to lead a faculty committee to develop a program that would help students set goals, gauge progress and, at graduation, assemble a portfolio that would inform prospective employers and community colleagues that BC alumni are more than just academically prepared to enter the work force. They are ready, in the words of the committee, “to take a place of responsibility in a dynamic, contemporary society.”

Stone lobbied a challenge at the committee. He said that a program such as PDP probably required two years to plan before implementation.

“I want us to have it in place within 60 days,” he said.

And it was. Stone, Watson and the faculty committee hammered out a compelling, workable program and announced in the fall of 1995 that the BC class of 1999 would pioneer it.

“When we began the PDP program at Bridgewater, it was really designed ‘at home,’” recalled Watson. “Although other colleges were using the portfolio concept – and we studied many of them – the program at BC was developed here and had many unique features.

“At its inception,” he continued, “we had colleges and universities from around the country coming to Bridgewater to visit its director and to meet us at conferences to learn about the program.”

Watson noted that “to the credit of our faculty,” only Bridgewater has been able to develop and sustain this specific approach to the education of the “whole person.”

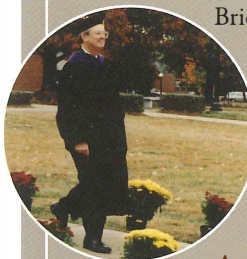
“Emphasis on the moral or ethical development of each person remains a key feature, which many other schools have been unable to get their faculties to adopt. Bridgewater has

August 1, 1994 – Phillip C. Stone takes office as President of Bridgewater College.



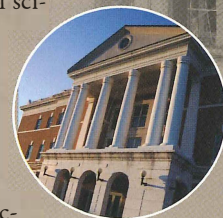
August 1994 – Fall enrollment totals 882.

October 14, 1994 – The inauguration of President Stone as Bridgewater College’s 7th president.



April 5, 1995 – Snow day declared in spring by President Stone after mild winter prevents him from keeping his promise to close for snow if needed.

August 29, 1995 – The McKinney Center for Science and Mathematics opens, replacing Bowman Hall as the center of science education on campus.



1995-1996 – Personal Development Portfolio (PDP) program is implemented with the entering class of 1999. Students work with faculty mentors in developing as whole persons in four key areas – intellectual growth and discovery, citizenship and community responsibility, ethical and spiritual growth, and emotional maturation and physical health.

January 8-9, 1996 – BC cancels classes for two consecutive days after Blizzard of ’96 blankets campus with over two feet of snow.



September 6, 1996 – Flooding caused by Hurricane Fran destroys BC athletic fields.

1996-1997 – Bridgewater College Leadership Institute officially launched.



1999-2000 – BC shifts to a semester system, with fall and spring semesters and a three-week Interterm in January.



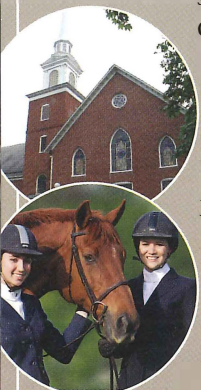
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TIMELINE of STONE PRESIDENCY

August 1999 – Fall enrollment totals 1,120.

September 4, 2000 – The Carter Center for Worship and Music, former home of the Bridgewater Church of the Brethren, is dedicated. The Carter Center houses the music department and office of College relations.



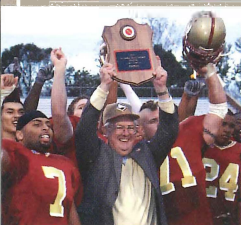
Fall 2000 – *Projection 21* campaign reaches \$60 million goal, raising over \$62 million since 1992. The largest gift during the campaign was \$10.68 million from the estate of Dr. Robert McKinney.

2000-2001 – Equestrian program begins at BC.

October 18, 2001 – The Fred O. and Virginia C. Funkhouser Center for Health and Wellness is dedicated. The Funkhousers contributed over \$4.6 million for the facility.



December 15, 2001 – The Bridgewater Eagles football team plays for the NCAA Division III championship in the Stagg Bowl in Salem, Va., losing to Mount Union 30-27 and finishing with a 12-1 record, only two years after a 0-10 record in 1999.



January 2002 – *Veritas* school newspaper launched, replacing *The Talon*.

Spring 2002 – Gift of \$1 million from Zane Showker creates endowment for the Zane D. Showker Leadership Institute, which funds College and community programs to enhance and foster ethical leadership.



August 2004 – Wampler Towers, new student apartments, open as residence for 192 upperclassmen.

August 2004 – Fall enrollment totals 1,532.



“President Stone’s talents will certainly be missed, but the path on which he has launched the College will surely count him among Bridgewater’s most stellar leaders.”

won awards for its emphasis on values and character.”

Watson recalled that, because communities do not change quickly, PDP was a “controversial and courageous” undertaking for Bridgewater. He lauded Stone’s vision in recognizing that PDP would likely “be his most significant contribution” to the life of the College.

“As an early contributor, I am proud of our college that it has been able to sustain and continue to develop such a program,” Watson said. “In many ways, I think the PDP of Bridgewater best articulates the goals of a genuine liberal arts education.”

To underscore their belief in the concept of education as a lifetime commitment, Watson, Stone and other members of the faculty and staff developed their own PDPs.

Enrollment

Even though Stone himself considered the founding of the PDP the achievement by which his presidency would probably be measured, he had other goals for the College and pursued them with zeal. One of those goals was to increase enrollment. When he assumed office in August 1994, enrollment stood at 882 and had clocked in that year with an unexpected dip. While Stone said he was disappointed, he began working to achieve a goal, set in 1990, of enrolling 1,200 students by 2000.

But Stone attached a caveat. Mere numbers would not be enough. Student quality must also remain high.

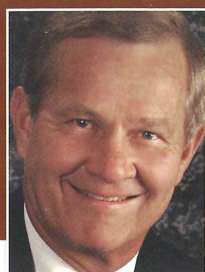
By the time classes opened in August 1997, full-time undergraduate enrollment stood at 1,066 – a 22 percent increase over the fall of 1994. The 316 new freshmen were selected from a pool of 1,056 applicants, also a record for Bridgewater. And Stone’s insistence on quality? Of incoming freshmen for the 1997-98 academic year, 81 students ranked in the top 10 percent of their high-school graduating classes.

“As commencement approached, we puffed with pride as our seniors were getting acceptance letters from some of the finest graduate schools,” Stone noted in a President’s Report letter. “Several of our very top students had difficult decisions to make, because they had been offered outstanding graduate fellowships at more than one prestigious university.”

The ongoing refinement of the PDP, the establishment of new scholarships, the hiring of top-notch faculty, improved technology, athletic successes, new facilities and never-flagging recruitment efforts by Stone and the admissions department

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– NATHAN H. MILLER, '65, CHAIRMAN, EVERY STUDENT, ONE COMMITMENT CAMPAIGN FOR BRIDGEWATER COLLEGE



resulted in the goal of 1,200 students by 2000 being met – and exceeded, by one. In the fall of 2000, the late arrival of Yuejiao Wu of Shenyang Liaoning, China – who studied for a year under the Brethren Colleges Abroad program – pushed Bridgewater's enrollment to 1,201 students.

Enrollment figures continued to climb over the years, experiencing a drop only once. In 2005, new students numbered 1,506, which was 26 fewer than the year before. Each year also saw an increase in the numbers of students who came to study at Bridgewater from foreign countries, including China, Ecuador, Ethiopia, France, Germany, Jamaica, Mexico and Yugoslavia.

By the time Stone celebrated his 10th anniversary at Bridgewater in 2004, enrollment had increased 78 percent.

Linda F. Stout, BC's director of enrollment operations, has seen from the outset the effect that Bridgewater's president has had on enrollment.

"I am told many times by our prospective students and their families that it is rare to meet a college president at all, and very unusual to be able to hold a conversation with one," Stout said. "I have always known that being able to have Phil at our functions, addressing open house groups and mingling with the families, was the very best thing to make an impression on everyone. His pride in Bridgewater, his warmth and genuine interest in the students always was evident to all who had a chance to meet him."

"Phil's vision for the College," she concluded, "has always been an inspiration to the admissions staff, and we have appreciated his support of our efforts."

Growing

To accommodate this impressive growth, Stone oversaw a corresponding expansion of the College's physical presence. Shortly after his tenure began, Stone took swift action to implement a plan that would substantially improve the appearance of the campus. In 1991, while Stone was a member of the board of trustees' long-range planning committee, a landscape architect had recommended that the College line the mall with trees to give it more definition.

"I was quite taken with the proposal," Stone said. "The committee, faculty and trustees all endorsed the strategic plan, of which that was a part, but because of a concern that trees would eventually hide our buildings and leaf collection would be a problem, the matter was simply put into a file.



TIMELINE of STONE PRESIDENCY

2005 – Bridgewater College commemorates the 125th anniversary of its founding.

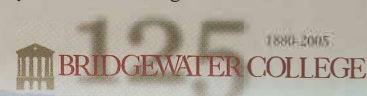


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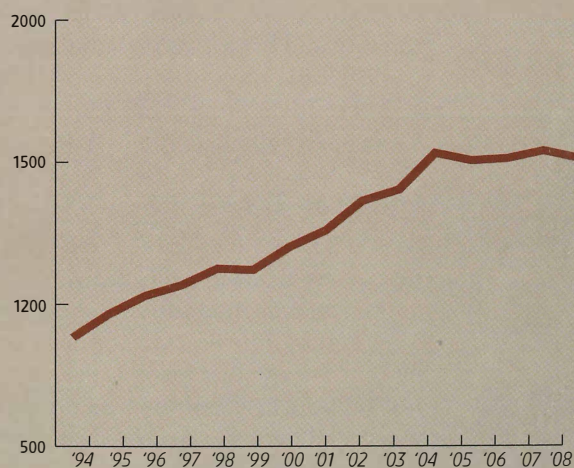
August 2007 – BC announces the purchase of Oak Manor Farms in Weyers Cave, which is renamed the Bridgewater College Equestrian Center. The BCEC is home to the College's equestrian program.

September 14, 2007 – The \$40 million *Every Student, One Commitment: Campaign for Bridgewater College* is publicly launched, with over half the goal raised.

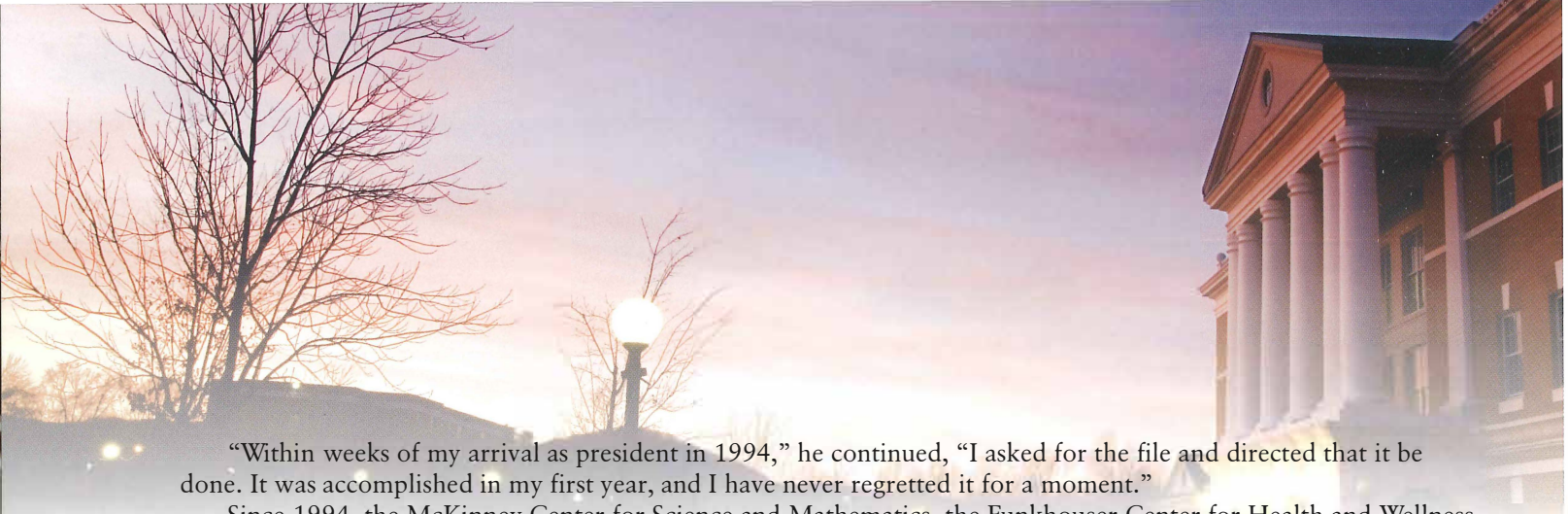
April 3, 2008 – Student apartments named Wampler Towers. The Towers are named in honor of several Wampler families who have a long history with the College.

April 3, 2009 – President Phillip C. Stone announces his retirement, effective June 30, 2010.

Enrollment 1994-95 through 2008-09



*Numbers represent traditional students, full and part time.



“Within weeks of my arrival as president in 1994,” he continued, “I asked for the file and directed that it be done. It was accomplished in my first year, and I have never regretted it for a moment.”

Since 1994, the McKinney Center for Science and Mathematics, the Funkhouser Center for Health and Wellness and the apartment-style Wampler Towers residence halls have been built. Also, the former Bridgewater Church of the Brethren was renovated in 2000 to house the department of music and several administrative offices, and became the Carter Center for Worship and Music.

In 2007, Bridgewater announced the purchase of Oak Manor Farms, a 75-acre equestrian center located in Weyers Cave, Va. Oak Manor, which had hosted the College’s equestrian program for seven years, was renamed the Bridgewater College Equestrian Center.

“It is a world-class facility that has enabled the College to establish and grow a highly successful equestrian program,” Stone said. “Purchasing it gave us the opportunity to ensure the continuation and growth of that program.”

Under Stone’s guidance, the College also made major advances in improving its technological presence – particularly in electronic networking – by installing fiber optic cable to link all academic buildings and residence halls. Bridgewater was also recognized in the *Chronicle of Higher Education* for the quality of its electronic communications, including an on-line application process, and as the years progressed Stone insisted on a greater, faster and more efficient Web presence for the College.

None of it, however, would have been feasible without financial support, and Stone found himself spending more and more time helping beef up BC’s endowment. Most recently he has overseen the successful *Every Student, One Commitment Campaign for Bridgewater College*, the goal of which was to raise \$40 million for endowed scholarships, academic enhancement, facilities improvements, laboratories, equipment and information technology, and the Bridgewater Fund. To date, the campaign – which Stone characterized as “our historic effort to respond proactively to the needs of new generations of students and the demands of an ever-changing society” – has reached 86 percent of its goal.

Campaign Chairman Nathan H. Miller, ’65, while acknowledging Stone’s talent in the area of fundraising, noted that he believes his “most significant accomplishment” is his ability to mold a bold mission statement, a superior academic community and a sound fiscal policy “into an effective collegiate educational program to fit the uniqueness of each student.

“Phil Stone has been able to achieve this significant objective by using his superior intellect, his outgoing personality and his forward-thinking agenda,” Miller said. “His administration’s achievement has launched Bridgewater College on a successful trajectory for the 21st century.

“President Stone’s talents will certainly be missed,” he continued, “but the path on which he has launched the College will surely count him among Bridgewater’s most stellar leaders.”

End of an Era

As Stone moves inexorably toward his retirement on June 30, 2010, he continues to work for Bridgewater at full tilt. James L. Keeler, ’57, chairman of the board of trustees, said that Stone’s energy, talent and devotion have been appreciated beyond the ability of words to fully portray.

“Perhaps the best way to describe what Bridgewater’s trustees think of Phil Stone is to tell you that even though he is at the age that many retire, there is, to my knowledge, not a single one of us that desires that he do so or would not support his continuing as our president for some time to come,” Keeler said. “As I have said many times before, when Phil became our president, the trustees had great expectations for his leadership and for the College, but we could not have appreciated at that time just how fortunate we would be.”

Keeler noted that, when Stone retires, he will leave behind an accomplished student body that has doubled in size; a faculty and staff that “will enable his successor to get a fast start;” an improved campus and academic programs; a healthy balance sheet; a highly regarded athletic program; and – “not the least important” – a greater overall recognition of the name of Bridgewater College.

Charles Culbertson is director of media relations at Bridgewater College and editor of Bridgewater magazine.

STEPPING *Stones* 1994-2009

NCAA, SPORTS

- 2000-2002 President's Representative, Old Dominion Athletic Conference
- 2002-2006 Member, NCAA III Presidents Council
- 2003-2006 Member, NCAA Executive Committee
- 2004-2006 Member, NCAA Audit Committee
- 2004-2006 Chair, NCAA III Presidents Council
- 2005 Member, NCAA Special Committee on Executive Authority
- 2005-2006 Member, NCAA Presidential Task Force on the Future of Division I Intercollegiate Athletics

VIRGINIA STATE BAR, LEGAL

- 1992-1995; 2003 Faculty, Virginia State Bar Association Committee on Professionalism
- 1993-1998 Virginia Bar Association Executive Committee
- 1997 President, VBA
- 1999-2002 Judicial Ethics Advisory Committee
- 2000- Citizens Advisory Committee for Appellate Judges
- 2003- Member, VBA Committee for Community Service
- 2004, 2008 Chair, Federal Magistrate Citizen Selection Panel

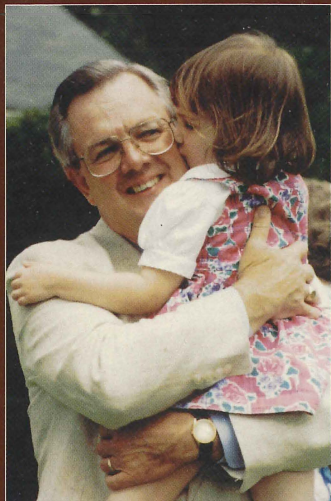
EDUCATIONAL, SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGES AND SCHOOLS

- 1998 Chair, multiple accreditation review committees, SACS
- 1999 President, Council of Independent Colleges in Virginia
- 1999-2004 Member, Legal Services Group, National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities
- 2002 President, Association of Virginia Colleges and Universities
- 2002 Visiting Professor, Philipps University in Marburg, Germany
- 2004- Chairman, Commission on Colleges, SACS
- 2004 Member, Attorney General's Task Force on Higher Education
- 2007- Chairman, Executive Council, Commission on Colleges, SACS
- 2007 Member, Council of Regional Accrediting Commissions
- 2007 Trustee, SACS
- 2008 Member, General Assembly Task Force on Private Colleges in Virginia Civic

COLLEGE AND COMMUNITY

- 1993-1999 Board of Directors, Bridgewater HealthCare Foundation Inc.
- 1994-2003 Member, Board of Directors, Rockingham Memorial Hospital
- 1995-1997 Board of Directors, Valley Health Plan
- 1996-1998 Board of Directors, Bethany Theological Seminary
- 1997-2001 Board of Directors, Mercy House
- 1998-2003 Chairman, Board of Directors, Rockingham Memorial Hospital
- 2002-2005 Member, Commonwealth Transportation Board
- 2004 Founder, President of Lincoln Society of Virginia
- 2006 Board Member, Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation
- 2006 Member, Board of Advisers, The Lincoln Forum
- 2006 Member, Advisory Committee, U.S. Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission
- 2007 Member, Virginia Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Anniversary Committee

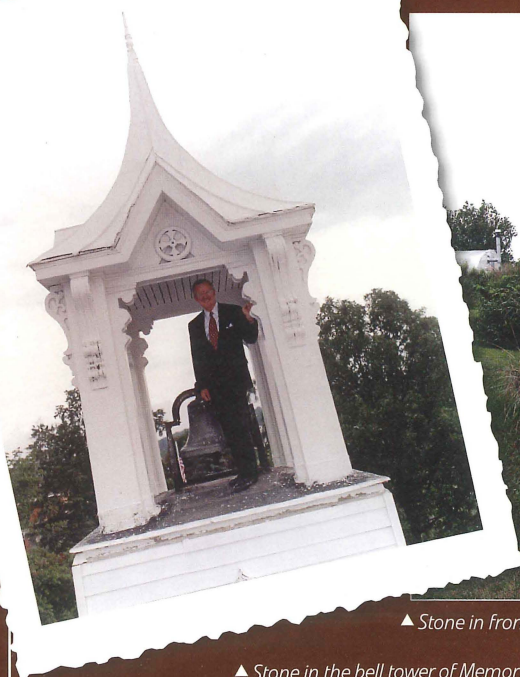
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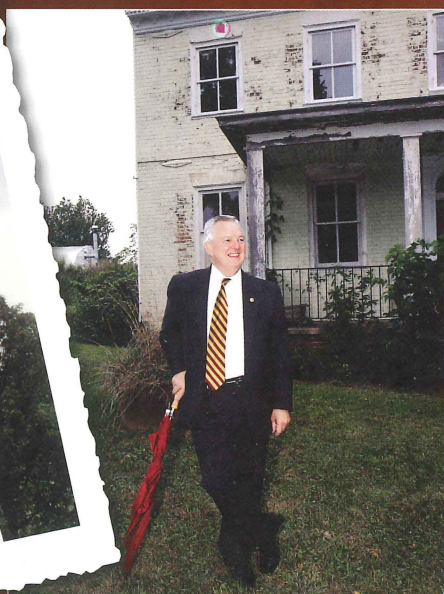
◀ Stone with granddaughter, Crystal E. Stone, at tree dedication, May, 1996.



◀ Signing diplomas before Commencement, 2004.



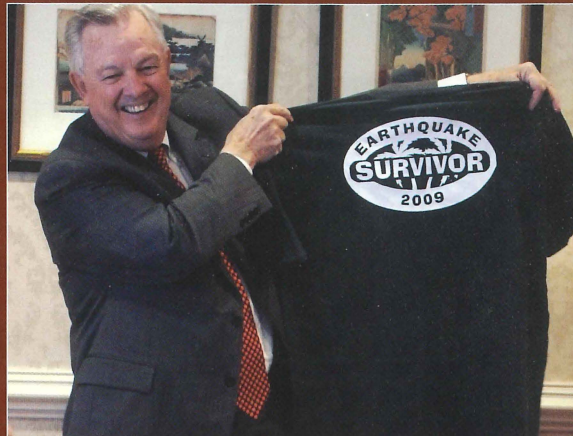
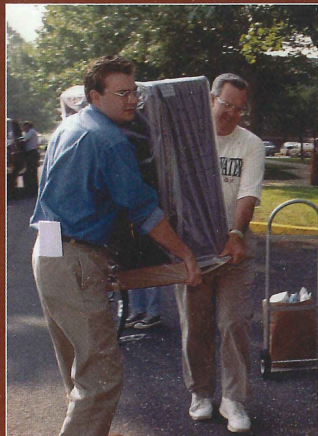
▲ Stone in the bell tower of Memorial Hall, 1999.



▲ Stone in front of the Lincoln Homestead, August, 2009.



Stone celebrates 10 years at BC.
Photo by Bert Williams



▲ Stone lends a hand during freshman move-in.
 ▼ Cherrill and Phil Stone at Ripples banquet, 1966.

Stone at a February 2009 luncheon for 12 BC students who survived a 9.0 earthquake while on a trip to Costa Rica. Photo by Charles Culbertson



▲ Stone and Congressman Bob Goodlatte (R-6th) at the newly-dedicated McKinney Center in 1995.

▼ Cherrill and Phil Stone in a vintage car, Homecoming Parade, October, 1994.



▲ Stone and Virginia Congressman Bob Goodlatte (R-6th)





“The more I have learned about him, the more I have come to admire him.” – PHILLIP C. STONE

THE

Lincoln Scholar

by Charles Culbertson

In the heart of a state that once reviled him, Abraham Lincoln is now cool.

It's taken awhile for that to happen. Although twice elected to the nation's highest office, the 16th U.S. president was despised by huge sections of the country, including the 11-state Southern Confederacy, which seceded and went to war after his election. Many of his own people disliked him, as well.

But today, despite pockets of diehards, Lincoln is generally revered in the home state of the Confederate capital and chief battleground in the South's war for independence. Which is fitting, because Virginia – not Illinois, the fabled “Land of Lincoln” – is where his roots lie and where rises one of the most insistent of voices championing his life and achievements.

That voice, of course, belongs to Phil Stone, who may be as noted for his Lincoln scholarship as for his presidency of Bridgewater College. Well known to the public are his founding of the Lincoln Society of Virginia, his service on the advisory board of the National Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission and his contributions to the advisory board of The Lincoln Forum. His talks about Lincoln – including those he has given for more than three decades at the Lincoln cemetery near Harrisonburg – have engaged audiences all over the country.

Not so well known, though, are how Stone came by his affection for the memory and legacy of the man who saved the Union. Surprisingly, it did not spring from childhood – the years that so frequently give rise to the heroes we love – but rather grew out of a mature, reasoned



At the Lincoln Cemetery north of Harrisonburg, Va. Photo by Charles Culbertson



Stone (right) and Sen. Henry Marsh examine Lincoln documents at a 2009 meeting of The Lincoln Society of Virginia at Bridgewater College. Photo by Charles Culbertson

examination of the president's life, tragic death and enduring heritage.

"I always enjoyed American history and biography," Stone said. "I think reading biographies inspired me generally as I was growing up, and Lincoln emerged as one of the most interesting figures in my reading. My research interest, however, really started about the time I started practicing law in Harrisonburg in 1970."

Stone said that while he knew his wife's family owned Lincoln property, he hadn't had the chance to do significant research on it. As he began to practice law, Stone served as president of the local history society and, at that point, began to delve more deeply into the subject.

"I soon got involved in the research about the property, which led to my study of Lincoln himself," Stone noted. "By the mid '70s, it was a passion."

That passion led to a scholarly quest to understand the man and his times and became a personal inspiration, as well.

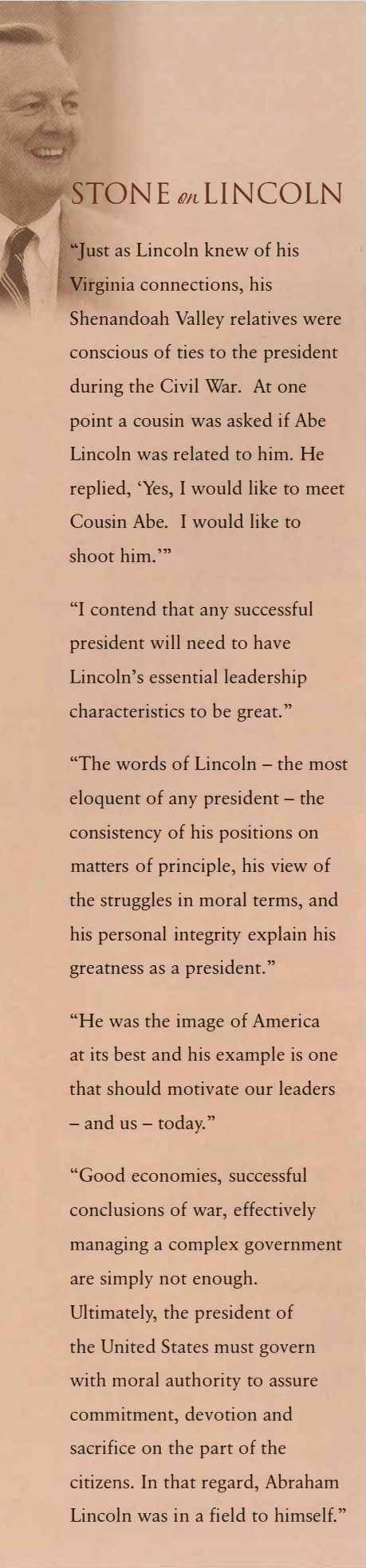
"His life, words and work have definitely influenced me," Stone said. "While I can't claim to have come close to his example, I have been inspired and instructed by his ability to subsume his ego for the greater good, his patience with others, his ability to distinguish between matters which ought to be negotiated, his unshakeable integrity, his empathy and his ability to envision a greater community – even in the darkest hours.

"The more I have learned about him, the more I have come to admire him."

Stone's growing admiration for Lincoln led him in 1976 to begin what has become a local tradition. Every February, in honor of the president's birthday, Stone holds a public ceremony at the site north of Harrisonburg where five generations of the Lincoln family are buried. The event always takes place, regardless of weather, and has drawn from a handful of people to upwards of 200 for this year's bicentennial anniversary of Lincoln's birth.

"There has never been a good February 12," Stone joked. "I have been there in 40 inches of snow when only my dog accompanied me. While I am glad to say the dog seemed to enjoy the program immensely, I did cut it rather short. The weather is so predictably bad that I have started thinking of it as 'Stonewall Jackson's revenge!'"

As the years progressed, Stone considered the idea of establishing a Lincoln organization that would preserve historic sites related to Lincoln in the Shenandoah Valley. It was a project he thought he might pursue after retirement. But the idea moved to the forefront in 2003 after Stone attended a ceremony in Richmond, Va., where a statue of Lincoln and his son, Tad, was dedicated. The ceremony was marred by protesters who vociferously



STONE on LINCOLN

"Just as Lincoln knew of his Virginia connections, his Shenandoah Valley relatives were conscious of ties to the president during the Civil War. At one point a cousin was asked if Abe Lincoln was related to him. He replied, 'Yes, I would like to meet Cousin Abe. I would like to shoot him.'"

"I contend that any successful president will need to have Lincoln's essential leadership characteristics to be great."

"The words of Lincoln – the most eloquent of any president – the consistency of his positions on matters of principle, his view of the struggles in moral terms, and his personal integrity explain his greatness as a president."

"He was the image of America at its best and his example is one that should motivate our leaders – and us – today."

"Good economies, successful conclusions of war, effectively managing a complex government are simply not enough. Ultimately, the president of the United States must govern with moral authority to assure commitment, devotion and sacrifice on the part of the citizens. In that regard, Abraham Lincoln was in a field to himself."

objected to the statue's presence in the former Confederate capital.

For Stone, the experience raised concerns about the misconceptions some Southerners have about Lincoln.

"While I, a seventh-generation Virginian, also appreciate the Lost Cause tradition, I was shocked that more than 100 years after the war there should be such passionate negative expressions about Lincoln and the results of the Civil War," Stone said. "I deeply admire Lee, Stuart, and other great Southern generals, but I am absolutely convinced that Lincoln saved the Union, abolished slavery and made possible the restoration of peace and unity after a terrible war.

"What I saw in Richmond," he continued, "was not good-humored expressions of devotion to the South; it was mean-spirited, vitriolic and abusive. I felt that this was a perverse twist to the Lost Cause tradition and needed to be countered. It is not appropriate for succeeding generations of young Virginians to be exposed to such foolishness without a response. Hence, the creation of the Lincoln Society of Virginia was expedited."

Stone added that he felt "fully qualified to speak from the perspective of a Virginian in interpreting Abraham Lincoln."

"Is the only way to honor Robert E. Lee, 'Stonewall' Jackson and others to hate Lincoln?" he asked. "No, that's not Virginia's position."

He noted that immediately after the surrender at Appomattox in 1865, Lee himself called for a healing of the nation's wounds and lived the remainder of his life with that goal in mind. In 1928, when a number of Confederate veterans were still alive, the Virginia General Assembly adjourned to honor Lincoln's birthday.

And so, instead of waiting until he retired, Stone established the Lincoln Society of Virginia, which he believes is the first organization of its kind in the South. The inaugural meeting of the Society was held May 2, 2005.

"We will honor the legacy, the heritage, the memory of Abraham Lincoln, and put a proper perspective on the Virginia point of view," Stone said at that meeting. He also noted that, although he can't help rooting for Lee, Jackson and other Southern generals when reading Civil War books, Stone concluded that he is glad the Union was preserved and slavery abolished.

"Lincoln was interested in more than protecting American boundaries," he said. "He saw the Union as the vehicle for the preservation of the values of self-government, equality before the law and individual freedoms. If it failed, since there was no other comparable experiment in the world, the values might also die."

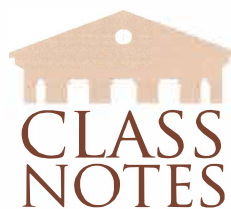
So now that Stone has created the Society and worked tirelessly to preserve and perpetuate Lincoln's memory, what's a college president to do in his retirement? Books, of course.

Stone said he has long been working on two possible books. The first, *Lincoln and the Confederacy*, would describe Lincoln's Virginia connections and "include a corrective to those biographers who claim Lincoln had no knowledge or curiosity about his ancestry." He said it would also serve as a rebuttal to neo-Confederates' claims that Lincoln deliberately decided to start a war, that he abolished states' rights and that he was a racist who cared nothing for the slaves.

"I am also working on the theme of Lincoln as a model for effective leadership, particularly for the presidency, emphasizing characteristics which made him so effective," Stone said. "I argue that Lincoln's reputation for honesty and wisdom were critical to his success, and I cite the results of the voting by soldiers in his 1864 re-election to help make the case."

Stone said he has been carrying around drafts of chapters "for a long time."

"I hope that after retirement, I will finally be able to move the project toward completion."



1950

Since September 2008, **RUTH JANE RICHMOND BARTH** and her husband, Ed, have been living at Carroll Lutheran Village in Westminster, Md., where they take advantage of the many activities available. Ruth says she has "even found two BC alumni here!"

1952

DR. WILLIAM C. NAYLOR of Boiling Springs, N.C., was inducted into the South Carolina Senior Sports Hall of Fame at Frances Marian University for being a member of the 1993 national championship three-on-three half court basketball team at the Senior Olympics.

1958

HELEN WOMELDORF NEVILLE of Annapolis, Md., is retired as an occupational therapist. In retirement, she enjoys sailing, skiing and travel.

1963

NANCY WERKING POLING and her husband, **DR. JAMES POLING, '64**, have moved from the Chicago area to western North Carolina. Nancy has written a novel, *Out of the Pumpkin Shell*, published by Spinsters Ink. The narrative combines her interest in female friendship, mother-daughter relationships, aging and clergy sexual abuse. In December, Jim retired after 30 years of teaching seminary.

1964

DR. JAMES POLING (see Nancy Werking Poling, '63).

1965

ELLEN K. LAYMAN, '65, received the 2009 Merlin and Dorothy Faw Garber Award for Christian Service on June

28 during the Church of the Brethren Annual Conference in San Diego. The award, presented by Bridgewater College, recognized her faithful Christian service and professional achievements that have had profound, beneficial effects upon Bridgewater College, the Church of the Brethren and the community.

1966

BARBARA "BOBBIE" FORBES JOHNSON, a retired artist, spent 18 months "on the road" traveling the U.S. in a recreational vehicle. She is now home at the foot of the San Juan Mountains in Ouray, Colo.

The Harrisonburg Education Foundation presented **E. YAGER MARKS** the 2009 Retired Outstanding Teacher of the Year Award, sponsored by Summit Community Bank. The award was presented in recognition of his creative teaching style and his dedication to students. He taught eighth-grade physical science in Harrisonburg City Schools for over 33 years before retiring. He also coached high school baseball, golf and football.

1968

DR. SUSAN ALLENDER HAGEDORN, a senior instructor in the English department at Virginia Tech, along with her husband, **DR. CHARLES HAGEDORN, '69**, teach several workshops a year on science writing and water pollution at Hangzhou University in China.

1969

DR. CHARLES HAGEDORN (see Dr. Susan Allender Hagedorn, '68).

JANE HOOVER of Gettysburg, Pa., received the Business Person of the Year Award from the Mercersburg Area Chamber of Commerce. She has operated Jane's Market for 18 years. She was the first woman elected to the board of the Pennsylvania Food Merchants Association and serves on the board of the First National Bank of Mercersburg, the Associated Wholesalers and the Hanover-Adams Rehabilitation Training Center. She has been active with a number of nonprofit organizations, including Gettysburg Hospital, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Family Planning Council of

Central Pennsylvania, Adams County Redevelopment Authority, Mercersburg Area Youth Organization, YWCA and the Mercersburg Rotary.

ROBERT K. WILLIAMS III of Las Vegas, is chief executive officer and president of Camo Brewing Co. and Five Star Brewing Co. The 22nd largest brewery in the U.S. distributes products in 24 states. The brewery is located in La Crosse, Wisc., with the corporate headquarters in Las Vegas.

1970

CANDACE COREY PASKA of Florsham Park, N.J., retired in January 2008 after 30 years of service with the State of New Jersey's Department of Children and Families.

1973

GARY and **PHYLLIS ABSHIRE FAGAN** of Crozet, Va., both retired in May from teaching music at Henley Middle School – Gary as bandleader and Phyllis as choir director. Gary performs with the Charlottesville Municipal Band and has composed over 30 band compositions. He is looking forward to composing more band music in retirement.

BRENT HOLL of Bridgewater, Va., has retired from the Augusta County Schools after 33 years of teaching music education. He owns and operates Beatin' Path Publications Ltd., which publishes music resources for teachers who teach the Orff-Schulwerk model. Brent is involved in clinics, workshops and choral festivals across the U.S.

1974

ELIZABETH WILLIARD CONINE of Hickory, N.C., teaches French in the Hickory City Schools.

1975

In June, **BEVERLY THOMPSON ARMBRUSTER** was elected president of the Virginia Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (VAFCS). Her husband, **ROBERT**, is area director of business development for the Southeast/Mid-Atlantic region for Roadlink Transportation. The couple lives in Virginia Beach, Va.

1977

JAMES M. "SHARK" REHBOCK married Pamela L. Cubbison on March 21. James is a semi-retired physician assistant and athletic trainer. The couple lives in Raleigh, N.C.

1978

JOHN KROGMANN and Carolé have a daughter, Clare, born Feb. 24. The family lives in Catawba, Va.

1982

MARK PUCKETT of Havre De Grace, Md., was promoted to teacher specialist for health education in Harland County, Md.

1990

TIM WOODWARD resigned June 30 as principal of Spotswood High School in Rockingham County, Va., to become principal at Pendleton County Middle/High School in West Virginia.

1992

KATRINA CHAMBERLAIN EBERLY of Harrisonburg, Va., was named a Teacher of the Year by Rockingham County Public Schools and the Rockingham Educational Foundation Inc. The award was given for outstanding leadership and dedication to the teaching profession and students. She teaches fifth grade at Mountain View Elementary School.

KENDEL ST. JOHN and Mike Kelley have a daughter, Claire Maryanna St. John-Kelley, born Feb. 12. The family lives in Staunton, Va.

1993

KAREN TYERYAR RIDDER of Harrisonburg, Va., was named a Teacher of the Year by Rockingham County Public Schools and the Rockingham Educational Foundation Inc. The award was given for outstanding leadership and dedication to the teaching profession and students. She is a TLC teacher at Linville-Edom Elementary School.

1995

KEVIN HAZLETT and Lori Beth have a daughter, McKenzie Brooke, born Feb. 26. The family, which also includes a son, Cody, lives in Staunton, Va.

1997

BENJAMIN STOVER BARLOW and Monica Susanne Pence were married Oct. 25, 2008. Ben earned a juris doctor degree from the University of Richmond School of Law and is a general counsel/administrative officer with WOOD Consulting Services Inc. During the spring of 2009, Ben, who chairs the national Church of the Brethren's mission and ministry board, spent two weeks in Kwarhi, Nigeria, taking part in a conference. The couple lives in Columbia, Md.

LARA WARCHOLAK WARREN and Jamie have a son, Brady Edward, born Oct. 13, 2008. The family lives in Bristow, Va.

1998

For the past four years, **ROBERT MITCHELL JR.** of Deptford, N.J., has worked in the Mental Health Unit of AtlantiCare Regional Medical Center. He passed the New Jersey teacher's exam for health and physical education and has been umpiring baseball for high school and the American Legion for the past 10 years.

1999

DAVID J. GAINES and **MELISSA MCCAWLEY GAINES, '00**, have a daughter, Serena Illyria, born April 7. The family lives in Harrisonburg, Va.

SARAH GREENBLATT and Greg Wyshynski were married Aug. 18, 2007. In December 2008, Sarah earned a master of arts management degree from George Mason University and works for the Loudoun County Public Schools. The couple lives in Ashburn, Va.

KERRI MONGOLD and Mark Fitzgerald were married Oct. 11, 2008. The couple lives in Verona, Va.

2000

MELISSA MCCAWLEY GAINES (see David J. Gaines, '99).

On May 6, **1st LT. J. CHRISTIAN OBENSHAIN** of Radford, Va., graduated from the U.S. Army's Judge Advocate General's (JAG) School, receiving recognition on the Commandant's List. He has been a member of the Army Reserve since January 2003 and will serve as an Army Reserve judge advocate for the 154th Legal Services Organization. He is an assistant commonwealth's attorney for the City of Radford.

2001

JENNIFER KOPPER and Tyler Loomis were married May 31, 2008. Jennifer is a pharmaceutical sales specialist with AstraZeneca. The couple lives in St. Louis.

BARBARA WALLACE RIDGEWAY and Steven have a son, Caleb Allen, born May 31, 2008. The family lives in Lewisburg, W.Va.

2002

JERRY MICHAEL CALE JR., and Katherine Elizabeth Thompson were married Feb. 7. Jerry is a commercial sales specialist at Lowe's. The couple lives in Carrsville, Va.

KRISTY KANE RHEA and Matt have a son, Cooper Riley, born April 23. Kristy is software and training coordinator in the C.E. Shull Information Technology Center at Bridgewater College. The family lives in McGaheysville, Va.

CARA SMITH and Burt Jenkins were married on Aug. 16, 2008. The couple lives in Greenville, N.C.

SARAH WYANT of Baltimore, Md., received a master of science degree in biotechnology studies from the University of Maryland on May 16.

2003

DANIELLE KING and Marc Tetreault have a son, Dylan Marcus, born May 8. The family, which also includes a daughter, Taylor, lives in Virginia Beach, Va.

TIFFANY BRIDGES LAYMAN and D.J. have their second child, a daughter, Madison Faith, born May 14. Tiffany is a teacher for Rockingham County Public Schools. The family lives in Mount Solon, Va.

KYLE ELIZABETH LEHMAN MOHLER and Nick have a son, Alex

Benjamin, born in October 2008. The family lives in central Pennsylvania, where Kyle is a stay-at-home mom.

2004

PAMELA ALGER-SHIFLETT SNYDER and John have a daughter, Addison Grace, born June 12. The family, which also includes two sons, Cade and Rhett, lives in Bridgewater, Va.

2005



Kate Blackman and Nathan Hollenberg. Photo by Don Cooper

KATE BLACKMAN and **NATHAN HOLLENBERG, '08**, were married June 21, 2008. The couple lives in Broadway, Va.

BRANDON BRUMFIELD and **NICHOLE TAYLOR, '10**, were married May 23. Brandon works for the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality. Nicole is a senior at Bridgewater College. The couple lives in Mount Solon, Va.

SCOTT SHOWALTER of Broadway, Va., a fourth-grade teacher at John C. Myers Elementary School, was named the Honored Teacher of the Year by the Massanutten Regional Library.

2006



Elizabeth E. Lamm
University on June 7.

ELIZABETH E. LAMM of Cumberland, Md., received a juris doctorate degree from Duquesne

MELISSA LYONS of Easton, Md., received a master of social work degree from the University of North Carolina at Wilmington on May 9. She is a clinical resource specialist for the Midshore Special Education Consortium.

2007

DAVID DORSEY and **SARAH MUNDEY** were married May 10. David works for Bechtel in Knoxville, Tenn., and Sarah is pursuing a master's degree in interior design at George Washington University. The couple lives in Tennessee.

JOHN GRANOFSKY plays drums for SHAPIRO, a pop-rock band formed in Harrisonburg, Va. The band spent almost four months in Nashville, Tenn., working on a self-titled record. The collection includes familiar as well as new songs. For more information, go to: www.shapiropeople.com.

CAROLYN RINEHART SMITH and Kevin Paul Compter, were married June 20. Carolyn is a special education teacher for Roanoke City Public Schools. The couple lives in Roanoke, Va.

2008

HEATHER LYNN-MICHELLE GALANG and Kenneth Ellerbee were married Dec. 6, 2008. Heather is pursuing an associate's degree in nursing at Blue Ridge Community College and is an associate producer at Rosetta Stone. The couple lives in Harrisonburg, Va.

NATHAN HOLLENBERG (see Kate Blackman, '05).

In June 2009, **CHRISTINE HOOVER** moved to Kumasi, Ghana, Africa, to work with the Peace Corps. She will serve 27 months in underdeveloped communities as a small enterprise development volunteer. She will promote and educate women and youth on business skills, marketing and identifying tourism and business promotion opportunities.

2009

CAITLIN ECKROTH and Rob Landes were married May 15. The couple lives in Grottoes, Va.

2010

NICHOLE TAYLOR (see Brandon Brumfield, '05).

MEMORIALS

REBECCA V. MYERS, '30, of Bridgewater, Va., died April 7, at the age of 98. She earned a master's degree in social work from the Richmond Professional Institute and an advanced certificate in social work from the University of Pennsylvania. She taught school in Virginia for 10 years before joining the American National Red Cross, where she worked in military welfare for seven years. After World War II, she joined the Veterans Administration as a caseworker, rising in her 25-year career to chief of social work services at the Brooklyn (N.Y.) V.A. Hospital. She also trained others as social workers and was an adjunct assistant professor at Rutgers University School of Social Work. In 1981, she moved to Bridgewater, where she worked with mental health and human rights groups, volunteered in special education classes, helped resettle refugees and aided the rehabilitation of released prisoners. She was active with Church Women United and On Earth Peace Assembly. She volunteered at the North River Library, the Gemeinschaft Home and Central Valley Chapter of Habitat for Humanity. In 1996, she was presented the College's Outstanding Service Award and, in 1999, she received the Ripples Medal. She was a former president of the Ripples Society and had served on the Alumni Association board. She was a member of Bridgewater Church of the Brethren. Among her survivors are two sisters, **Dorothy Myers Stafford, '33**, of Bridgewater, and **Anna Myers Harman, '35**, of Harman, W.Va.,

ETHEL PRITCHETT KINTNER, '37, of Maryville, Tenn., died April 16, at the age of 95. She graduated from nursing school at Roanoke (Va.) Hospital and received B.S. and M.S. degrees from the University of Tennessee. She also had done doctorate work in adult basic education. She set up the Adult Basic Education program sponsored by Alcoa, Maryville and Blount County, where she served as a teacher/coordinator for 12 years. She was a volunteer teacher at the Job Corps Center and tutored underprivileged students and was a Girl Scout leader for 20 years. In 1987 she and her late husband, Elgin, started a chapter of the Alliance for the Mentally Ill. She has written a book, *Education: The Plight of the*

Illiterate Adult and her autobiography, *Growing Up in Appalachia*. She was a member of New Providence Presbyterian Church, where she was active in the Women's Association and was a Sunday School teacher.

DR. EDGAR LEE CRUMPACKER, '38, of White Sulphur Springs, W.Va., died May 13. He earned his medical degree from the University of Virginia School of Medicine. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and subsequently earned a master's degree in physiology from the University of Toronto. He completed his medical training in internal medicine and gastroenterology at the Mayo Clinic. He practiced at the Greenbrier Clinic for 33 years. He and his wife spent their retirement in West Virginia, Florida and Connecticut.

WILLIAM "BILL" LINDSEY JR., '40, of Harrisonburg, Va., died April 5, at the age of 91. He received his embalming and funeral directors license from Eckels Mortuary School in Philadelphia. He was owner/operator of the Lindsey Funeral Home in Harrisonburg and Weyers Cave, Va., before retiring. He was a member of Asbury United Methodist Church.

DOROTHY RODEFFER HILL, '41, of Dayton, Va., died June 7, at the age of 90. After attending BC, she graduated from Madison College (now James Madison University) and taught school in Rockingham County for 32 years. She was a member of the Clover Hill United Methodist Church, where she sang in the choir over 50 years. She enjoyed playing the piano, reading, gardening, cooking and baking.

JOHN T. SHOWALTER, '41, of Rutherglen, Va., died May 20, at the age of 89. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was a field engineer with RCA Inc./General Electric and, in retirement, enjoyed Ham and MARS Radio operations and real estate.

MARY CORNELIA "CORKY" MILLER SPARKS, '43, of Salisbury, Md., died June 1, at the age of 88. She was a member of Bethesda United Methodist Church and the Tri-County Progress Club. She also was an original member of Attic Artists. She enjoyed painting, collecting antiques, herb and flower gardening, embroidery and traveling to historic sites. Among her survivors

is a daughter, **NANCY SPARKS DENT, '80**, of Henrico, Va.

JERRY D. HICKS, '47, of Columbus, Neb., died May 26, at the age of 86. He earned a master's degree in education from the University of Maryland. He served in the U.S. Army from Nov. 23, 1948 to Dec. 5, 1949, and again from Oct. 20, 1950 to Oct. 23, 1951. He taught school in Maryland for several years before beginning his teaching career in the state penitentiaries in Maryland. He later taught at the Lorton Reformatory in Virginia, retiring in 1980. In retirement, he and his wife, Doris, moved to Columbus, where Jerry was a substitute teacher for a number of years. For several years, he played in the Columbus Community Band and the Mulligan Stew Band.

LEONA RAISH LONG, '48, of Harrisonburg, Va., died May 22, at the age of 87. She had not been well for a number of years. She did graduate work at Madison College and the University of Virginia. She taught in Rockingham and Augusta counties for 30 years and retired from John Wayland Intermediate School. She was a member of Mount Clinton United Methodist Church and the Rockingham Memorial Hospital Auxiliary.

MAX B. WINE, '50, of Bridgewater, Va., died May 25, at the age of 81. He served in the U.S. Army as a medic from 1952-54. He sold for Stock-Go, Esleman Red Rose Feed, was president of Farm Machinery Co., and president and manager of People's Supply in Charles Town, W.Va. While in Charles Town, he served as president of the Chamber of Commerce and organized the first Mountain Heritage Arts and Crafts Festival. He started the United Way in Jefferson County, W.Va. He also worked as a realtor for more than 30 years. He was a member of Bridgewater Church of the Brethren. He is survived by his wife Sara. Also among his survivors is a daughter, **MELISSA S. WINE, '87**, of Bridgewater.

LEROY M. LEAP, '52, of Elkton, Va., died April 29, at the age of 78. He had worked at Merck and Co., and American Safety Razor before retiring. He was a member of the Evangelical United Methodist Church in Elkton, and had attended the Christ United Methodist Church in Shenandoah, Va.

He was a member and past district governor of the Elkton Lions Club and served on the board of directors for the Virginia Lions Hearing Fund.

MARIAN ELIZABETH FOWLER, '54, of Waynesville, N.C., died March 30, at the age of 80. She was retired from teaching elementary school in Virginia and Pennsylvania. She was a member of 28th Street Church of the Brethren in Altoona, Pa. In 1995 she moved to Waynesville and became a watch-care member of the Waynesville First Baptist Church. An avid reader, she was a member of the Round Table book club at First Baptist.

JOSEPH G. "JOE" RIELEY, '55, of Blacksburg, Va., died March 17, at the age of 82. He was retired from Virginia Tech where he was a math professor for 30 years. Prior to that, he taught at Cumming Engine Company and North Carolina State College. A lifelong member of the Church of the Brethren, he served on the Standing Committee of the church's Annual Conference and was a member of the Virginia District Board. A member of Christiansburg Church of the Brethren, he served as a trustee, deacon, commission member, choir member and Sunday School teacher. He also had served as a trustee at Bridgewater College. He repaired thousands of bicycles that were given to people in need.

RAY E. MCDORMAN, '56, of Richmond, Va., died July 14, at the age of 80. He served over 27 years as a volunteer in fire departments and rescue squads in each town where he lived. He served a term as chief of the Bon Air Volunteer Fire Department. He coached Little League and worked in the Cub Scouts. For many years, he sang in the church choir and participated in the Methodist Men's group. In retirement, he and his wife traveled most of the 50 states and enjoyed genealogy research. They compiled and published a genealogy of the McDorman family. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Hazel.

SHIRLEY GEIGLEY MILLER, '57, of Mayfield Heights, Ohio, died April 19.

HAROLD F. RANDALL, '68, of Waynesboro, Va., died April 22, at the age of 63. After 31 years of service, he retired from Fort Defiance High School, where he taught math and

physics. He enjoyed singing and was a member of the Pleasant Valley Church of the Brethren Choir. He also loved woodworking and farming. He is survived by his wife Patricia. Also among his survivors is a son, **JOSHUA TODD RANDALL, '08**, of Arlington, Va., and a sister, **WANDA RANDALL FERRELL, '65**, of Centreville, Va.

SUSAN GIBBS WHITE, '76, of York, Pa. and formerly of Provincetown,

Mass., died April 8, at the age of 54. She was a marketing and advertising executive for the **Provincetown Banner** newspaper.

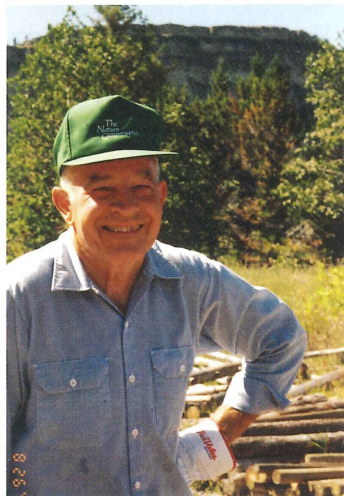
EDWARD G. NOVAK, '77, of Baldwin, Md., died June 7, of prostate cancer. He was 55. After graduating from BC, he went to work for Equitable Trust Co., where he was later promoted to branch manager. He remained with the bank after its acquisition by

Maryland National Bank, NationsBank and Bank of America. When he retired in 2007, he was senior vice president of performance and profitability measurement. He had served as chairman of the boards of the Baltimore Museum of Industry and the Maryland Food Bank. At the time of his death, he headed the museum's finance committee. He also volunteered many years as an events announcer for Spe-

cial Olympics Maryland. He is survived by his wife of 29 years, Janet.

SUSAN GALE KNIGHT DUNLAP, '80, of Virginia Beach, Va., died March 19, at the age of 52. She lived and worked in California, Japan and Australia. She served as a legislative aide in the Virginia Assembly to Delegate "Billy" O'Brien and later to Delegate Howard Copeland.

BC MOURNS LOSS OF JAMES KIRKWOOD



DR. JAMES J. KIRKWOOD, professor of English *emeritus* at Bridgewater College, died at his home in Mt. Solon, Va., on Aug. 20. He was 77.

Kirkwood was born in Roanoke County, Va., on Dec. 10, 1931. A graduate of Andrew Lewis High School in Salem, Va., he earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from Wake Forest University in 1954 and 1963, respectively, and his doctorate from Duke University in 1968. He was a two-year veteran of the U.S. Army, having served as a cryptographer in Germany and other European duty stations.

Before coming to Bridgewater College in 1968, Kirkwood worked as a historian for the National Park Service, an instructor in English at Campbell College in Buies Creek, N.C., and an instructor at Duke University. At Bridgewater, he joined the faculty as chairman of the department, succeeding Dr. Clarence E. May. Kirkwood was head of the English department until 1988, and retired in 1993.

Kirkwood's personal interests included a love of nature, which led him to become a member of the Sierra Club and the Wilderness Society. He also was an ardent supporter of The Nature Conservancy, where he was the 1999 Volunteer of the Year for the Virginia chapter. His work for The Nature Conservancy also took him to locations such as St. Croix, Virgin Islands, and near Chateau, Mont.

"Nature study is more than just a hobby with me," Kirkwood said in a 1970s interview. "It is a necessity that I maintain contact with the outdoors."

He admired simplicity in all things and had little tolerance for pretense, believing that there was always "less than meets the eye." He valued the easy, candid relations with his good friends.

Together with his wife of 36 years, Shirley Roop Cheeks, they made a blended family of his children – **BURTON, '81** and **KIMBERLY, '83** – and hers, **PATRICIA, '81**, Ann and Kathryn Cheeks. This followed the death of Burton and Kimberly's mother (Sandra Ann Burton) in 1968. Patricia attended BC for two years before transferring to the Medical College of Virginia.

In addition to Shirley and the children, he is survived by a brother, Rudy, and seven grandchildren.

A celebration of life will be held Oct. 18 at 2 p.m. at The Barn at Spring Meadows, Mt. Solon, Va.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank, 96 Laurel Hill, Verona, Va. 24482; the Salvation Army, 185 Ashby Ave., Harrisonburg, Va. 22801; The Free Clinic, 25 W. Water St., Harrisonburg, Va. 22801; or the Nature Conservancy, 4245 N. Fairfax Drive, Suite 100, Arlington, Va. 22203.

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